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WILD FOWL COMMISSION AUTHORIZES
FIRST PURCHASES OF REFUGE AREAS

The purchase of a 32,555-acre tract in South Carolina and of 5,180 acres in Colorado as migratory-bird refuges has been approved by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, acting on the recommendation of the Bureau of Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. These areas will constitute the first bird refuges to be acquired by purchase under the Migratory-Bird Conservation Act of February 18, 1929, by which Congress authorized the expenditure over a 10-year period of nearly \$8,000,000 for surveys and acquisition of lands for migratory-bird refuges. The actual acquisition of the two areas will proceed immediately after July 1, 1930, when funds appropriated under the act become available to the department. The average price for these lands authorized by the Commission is \$1.13 an acre.

The unit to be acquired in South Carolina is in the Cape Romain region, Charleston County, on the Atlantic Seaboard; the other is in the San Luis Lake region, Alamosa County, Colorado. Specialists of the Biological Survey have examined and appraised both areas from the standpoint of food resources for wild-fowl and from other angles and have found them to be ideal bird refuges. South Carolina has already facilitated the acquisition of the Cape Romain unit by enacting a bill granting to the Federal Government control of all State lands in the proposed refuge that are between the high and low water marks.

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